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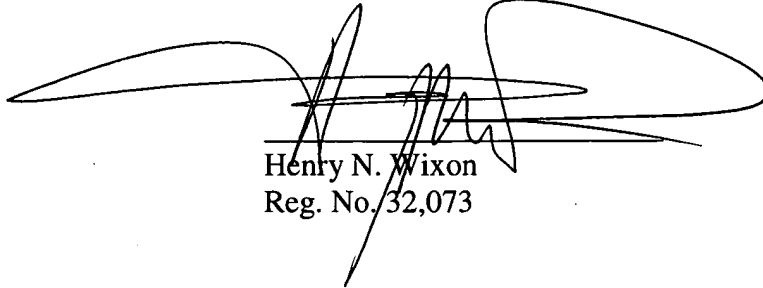
Claims 1-8 and 16-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants retain the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in future continuation or divisional applications. New claim 19 has been added.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 9-15 and the presence of allowable subject matter in claim 4 with appreciation. Claim 4 has been canceled and rewritten as new claim 19 to include all the limitations of former claim 4. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Additionally, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on March 16, 2004, just prior to the issuance of the final Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IDS along with these amendments and provide an initialed Form 1449 for the record.

After entry of these amendments, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner disagrees, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Wixon', is written over the printed name and registration number.

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